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## MURDER, LUST AND PILLAGE

## PRESIDENT ASKS FOR MORAL AND FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING

### ASTOUNDING STORY OF BELGIAN ATROCITIES

BRITISH COMMISSION, HEADED BY VISCOUNT BRYCE,  
MAKES SPECIAL REPORT ON "OUTRAGES ALLEGED  
TO HAVE BEEN COMMITTED BY GERMAN TROOPS  
DURING THE PRESENT WAR"

### WOMEN VIOLATED IN MARKET PLACES AND CHILDREN MUTILATED

FRIGHTFUL INDICTMENT OF TROOPS IN BELGIAN TERRI-  
TORY, WHO ALLEGE THAT EXCESSES WERE COM-  
MITTED TO INSTILL FEAR INTO BELGIAN SOLDIERS;  
AWFUL CHAPTER SHOWING THE BLACKER SIDE OF  
WARFARE IN EUROPE; CIVILIANS SHOT DOWN IN  
DROVES AND VILLAGES BURNED BY DRUNKEN MEN

London, May 12.—Viscount Bryce, former British ambassador at Washington and now chairman of a special government committee appointed to investigate and report on "outrages alleged to have been committed by German troops during the present war," has submitted the report of the committee to Premier Asquith.

The document is considered as probably the most severe arraignment thus far made of the German military sweep across Belgium, mainly because of the position of Viscount Bryce as a historian, and also because of the care with which the investigation was made, the great number of witnesses whose testimony was examined and the mass of evidence now submitted with the report of the committee.

Associated with Lord Bryce on the committee were Sir Frederick Pollock, Sir Edward Clarke, Sir Alfred Hopkinson, H. A. L. Fisher, Vice Chancellor of the University of Sheffield, Harold Cox and Kenneth E. Digby. The committee was appointed by Premier Asquith on Jan. 22, last, and was given broad instructions to investigate "alleged outrages, the maltreatment of civilians and breaches of law and established usages of war."

The most important findings of the committee are summed up in the following conclusion at the close of the report:

"It will be seen that the committee has come to a definite conclusion upon each of the heads under which the evidence has been classified:

"It is proved:

"First: That there were in many parts of Belgium deliberate and systematically organized massacres of the civil population accompanied by many isolated murders and other outrages.

"Second: That in the conduct of the war generally innocent civilians, both men and women, were murdered in large numbers, women violated and children murdered.

"Third: That looting, house burning and the wanton destruction of property were ordered and countenanced by the officers of the German army; that elaborate provision had been made for systematic incendiarism at the very outbreak of the war, and that the burning and destruction were frequent where no military necessity could be alleged, being, indeed, part of a system of general terrorization.

"Fourth: That the rules and usages of war were frequently broken, particularly by the using of civilians, including women and children, as a shield for advancing forces exposed to fire, to a less degree by killing the wounded and prisoners, and in the

frequent abuse of the Red Cross and the white flag.

"Sensible as they are of the gravity of these conclusions, the committee conceive that they would be doing less than their duty if they failed to record them as fully established by the evidence. Murder, lust and pillage prevailed over many parts of Belgium on a scale unparalleled in any war between civilized nations during the last three centuries.

"Our function is ended when we have stated what the evidence establishes, but we may be permitted to express our belief that these disclosures which have been made in vain if they took, and rouse the conscience of mankind and we venture to hope that as soon as the present war is over, the nations of the world in council will consider what means can be provided and sanctions devised to prevent the recurrence of such horrors as our generation is now witnessing."

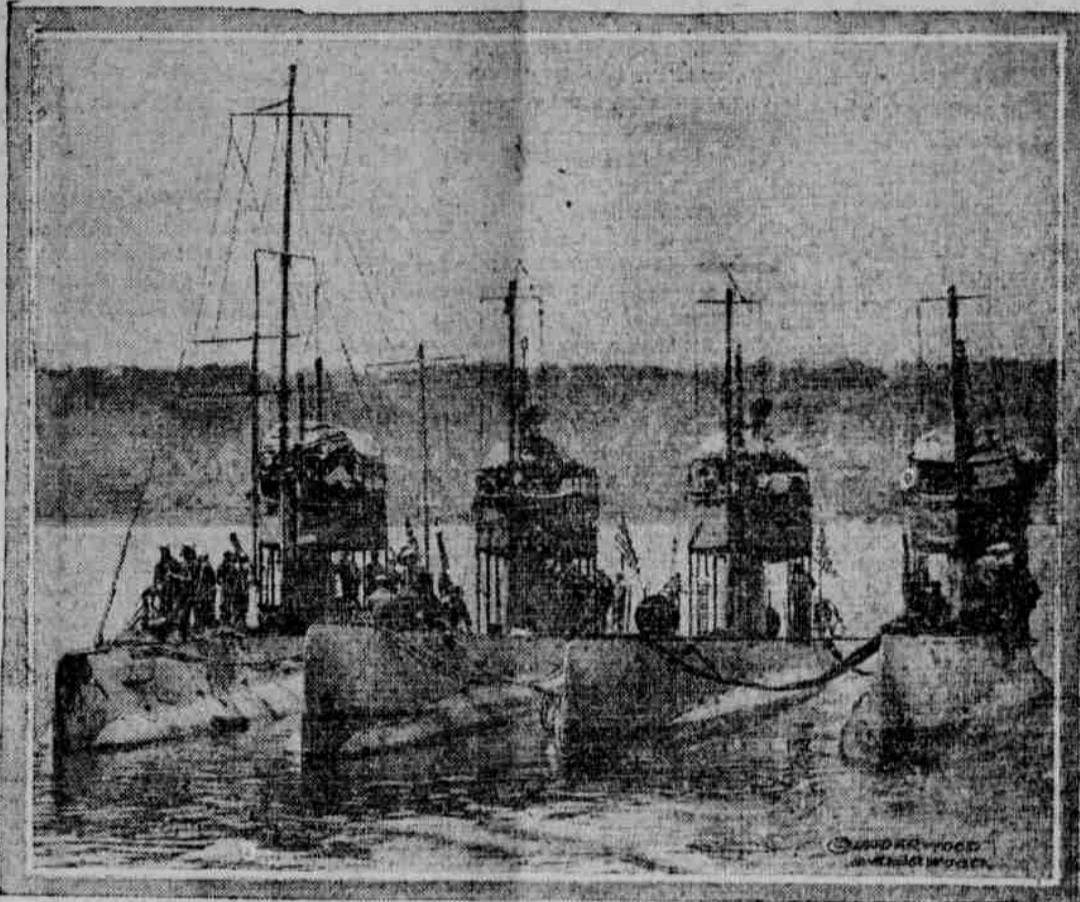
The report makes an official document of sixty-one printed pages, or upwards of 30,000 words, accompanied by maps, showing the various routes of the army and the chief scenes of devastation. It states at the outset that 1,200 witnesses have been examined, the depositions being taken by examiners of legal knowledge and experience, though without authority to administer an oath. The examiners were instructed not to "lead" the witnesses, and to seek to bring out the truth by cross examination and otherwise. The committee also submitted extracts from a number of diaries taken from the German dead, chiefly German soldiers, and in some cases officers.

"We began the inquiry with doubts whether a positive result would be obtained," says the report. "But the farther we went and the more evidence we examined, so much the more our skepticism reduced. There might be some exaggeration in some witnesses, possibly delusion in others, inaccuracies in a third. When however, we found that things which at first seemed improbable were testified by many witnesses coming from different places, the points at which they all agreed became more and more evidently true. When this concurrence of testimony showed itself in hundreds of depositions, the truth of the broad facts stood out beyond question. The force of the evidence is accumulative."

Taking up the conditions at Liege, Belgium, at the outset of the war, the report gives a harrowing recital of occurrences at various points in the devastated territory. At Harve, on August 4, the report says, "the murder of an innocent fugitive civilian was a prelude to the burning and pillage of the town and of other villages in the neighborhood; to the indiscriminate shooting of civilians of both sexes and to the organized military execution of batches of selected males. Thus some fifty men escaping from burning houses were seized, taken outside the town and shot. At

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### FOUR AMERICAN SUBMARINES READY FOR NAVAL EXHIBITION.



From left to right: E-2, D-2, D-1, and D-3.

### VILLA HAS CARRANZA BOTTLED-UP

OIL AND RUBBER INTERESTS  
AID REBEL CHIEF TO  
WIN GROUND

El Paso, May 12.—Gen Villa has been reinforced by 28,000 fresh men and arms. The new troops were sent from the vicinity of Tampico. It is also known that the former rebel chief has been plentifully supplied with money and ammunition. Four train loads of war munitions, two aeroplanes and 21 heavy field pieces were received by him during Sunday night.

Gen. Obregon's forces have been bottled up by Villa's forces near Trapatu and a battle is now raging at that point and carriers arriving say Villa is certain of victory.

Foreign money and oil and rubber interests are said to be back of Villa.

Villa Has Obregon Whipped.  
Washington, D. C., May 12.—Villa representatives here announced today that the Carranza army under General Obregon had been driven backward and bottled up by General

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### ELECTION FRAUDS IN KANSAS CITY TO BE PROBED

(By Associated Press.)  
Kansas City, Mo., May 12.—A sweeping investigation of the recent municipal election ordered by Governor Capper, was begun today before Jas. L. Smalley, assistant attorney general. One witness will be called this afternoon. Governor Capper and General Brewster come Monday.

George D. Jameson, former sergeant of police testified that he saw an Armourdale pool hall proprietor put ballots in the box of the forty-sixth precinct, Armourdale.

"How many ballots did you see him put in?" asked Smalley.  
"I don't know how many," said Jameson. "But there were enough to choke the hole in the ballot box."  
Jameson said he also observed drinking about the polling place.

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### OKLAHOMANS ARE DEPORTED FROM CANADA

MARRIED WOMAN AND PAR-  
AMOUR OF TULSA ORDER-  
ED FROM DOMINION

Windsor, Canada, May 12.—Ethel Richardson, prominent Tulsa Oklahoma woman, who mysteriously disappeared some months ago, was deported by order of immigration authorities at Windsor, Canada Tuesday. Her paramour, name unknown, was also deported. Both are married, and it is said are connected with rich oil interests in the state of Oklahoma in the United States.

The husband of the woman and wife of her paramour were responsible for the deportation. Detectives from the United States have been quietly collecting evidence for some weeks.

### MR. WILSON'S NOTE DIRECT TO EMPEROR

CABINET ALMOST SPLITS AS  
PRESIDENT UNFOLDS HIS  
MAPPED PLANS

(By Associated Press.)  
Washington, D. C., May 12.—President Wilson has decided to hold many "strictly accountable" for the loss of more than one hundred lives in the sinking of the Lusitania by a German submarine.  
He will demand complete repara-

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### ODD FELLOWS CLOSE FIFTH ANNUAL MEET

FRY, OF PERRY, GRAND PA-  
TRIARCH; HERWIG, RE-  
ELECTED GRAND SCRIBE

More than 400 visiting Odd Fellows and their wives sat around the long banquet hall at the First M. E. church last night and enjoyed a delightful entertainment furnished by the local organization.

In the afternoon Tuesday, the grand parade formed and marched from the I. O. O. F. hall to the City Hall where the special work of conferring the Patriarchal and Golden Rule degrees was put on. The ceremonies took place in the auditorium of the city building.

This work was mounted and exemplified by the famous Cherokee degree staff. A large class received the degrees. The same team conferred the Royal Purple degree on a large number of the subordinate bodies Tuesday evening at the city hall.

After the banquet yesterday evening, line parties to the theatres and other social functions were numerous. The visiting ladies being guests of the ladies of Guthrie.

"The convention is the best in point of attendance and interest shown in the work that has been held in recent years" said a prominent officer of the order today.

Officers of the department council, I. O. O. F., elected for the coming

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### FRUIT GROWERS OF COUN- TY 'MEET AND ORGANIZE

Fifty of the Fruit Growers of Logan county held a meeting at the chamber of commerce today and discussed the marketing of the peach crop of Logan county which will reach 600 cars this year. T. M. Jeffords, agricultural commissioner of the M. K. & T. railway and O. W. Wade of the A. & M. college addressed the meeting and action was taken to reorganize the Logan county fruit growers association on a practical business basis at a meeting to be held Saturday, May 22.

### THIEVES SMASH GLASS AND ROB SHOE STORE

BROWN'S SHOE STORE ON HAR-  
RISON ENTERED; LEATHER  
AND RUBBER WORTH \$60

Thieves entered Brown's shoe store on West Harrison avenue sometime last night and got away with about \$60 worth of leather, rubber heels and shoes. Entrance was made by smashing the glass in the window of the front door.

"The work was evidently done by someone familiar with the shop" said Mr. Brown today. "I am on the track of the thieves" said Chief Mitchell.

The thieves were unusually bold. Harrison avenue is well lighted at night, with several all night restaurants running. There is evidently an organized gang of petty thieves operating in the city. Several houses have been entered of late.

### COUNTY PUPILS WILL TAKE SCHOOL EXAMS

County eighth grade examination will be held Thursday and Friday for county pupils. Pupils in all of the towns of the county except "Athol" will be eligible to take the tests. The examinations will be held in Central school building. Miss Margaret Doolittle will have charge. "I figure that between 65 and 85 will take the work this time" said Miss Doolittle today.

### STATE ELKS WILL GATHER HERE THURSDAY

LOCAL LODGE AND CITIZENS'  
COMMITTEE PREPARING  
FOR ROYAL GOOD TIME

The eighth annual session of the Oklahoma State Elks Association will begin its sessions here tomorrow morning. A large attendance is expected. Local order and the citizens reception committee have prepared to give the "Hellow Bills" a grand time.

The opening session will take place in the ball room at the lone hotel at 10:30 tomorrow morning.

The following program will be carried out:

Thursday, May 13th.  
8:00 a. m. Meeting delegates and registering at lone hotel.  
10:30 a. m. Opening session in ball room. Lone hotel; invocation. Rev. A. B. Nicholas; address of President W. J. Barrett, Shawnee; address of welcome; response, Guy L. Andrews, McAlester, appointing committees.

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### ITALIAN SOLDIERS IN ROME WILD FOR WAR

(By Associated Press.)  
Rome, May 12.—What is considered to be the last definite proposal of Austria concerning territorial concessions demanded by Italy, was received today by the Italian government. The cabinet immediately went into session to consider the communication.

Troops were called out last night to disperse crowds of war enthusiasts who paraded the principal streets, crying, "down with Austria, down with Giolitti," and cheering for Premier Salandra and Minister of Foreign Affairs Sonnino.

An attempt to storm Giolitti's residence was frustrated by the soldiers.

### SENDS PERTINENT NOTE TO GERMANY ON LUSITANIA DISASTER

### GUARANTEES ASKED FOR UNLAWFUL PRACTICES

NOTE'S GRAVITY REALIZED,  
BUT NO COURSE OUTLINED  
IN CASE OF REFUSAL

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, May 12.—The United States government, in its note to Germany, formally demands of the imperial government a strict accounting for the loss of American lives in the sinking of the Lusitania and for violations of American rights in the war zone.

The note also asks for guarantees that there will be no repetition of the practices.

The government will await the receipt of the communication at Berlin, before making the contents of the note public.

The note asks Germany for an accounting for the series of violations of American rights in the war zone, not only financial but moral, and for a guarantee that there be no repetition of the unlawful practices of German submarines.

Late today or early tomorrow, the note, now approved by the cabinet, will be sent to Ambassador Gerard to be, by him presented to the Berlin government. President Wilson, it is said, realized fully the gravity of the meaning in the note and was prepared for any eventualities that might arise from its presentation. The note does not say exactly what course the United States may be compelled to pursue in case of a refusal. In official quarters, however, in the event of a severance of the diplomatic relations, it was declared not to be impossible if there was no abatement of German practices.

President's Course Outlined.

Washington, May 12.—The White House statement on the Lusitania disaster reads: "The course to be pursued by the president has been determined upon. It will be announced just as soon as it is proper to publish the note now in preparation."

### ANTI-GERMAN RIOTS RENEWED IN LONDON

(By Associated Press.)

London, May 12.—Anti-German riots in the East end of London were renewed with greater violence today than yesterday. Whenever a German showed himself he was attacked. The police force has been so thinned by drafts sent to the army that it had difficulty in dealing with the angry crowds. Special constables were called out. Many German establishments were raided and sacked and the contents scattered over the streets.

Large placards were placed in the windows of almost all of the business houses reading: "No business transacted with Germans."

### THE WEATHER



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New Orleans, La., May 12.—Tonight and Thursday fair.

- COMING EVENTS
- Millitia Officers School, May 2-12.
  - Odd Fellows, May 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14.
  - State Elks Association, May 12-14.
  - State Intercollegiate Track Meet, May 17-18.
  - Post Office Clerks' State Association, May 31.